



jeuning village. The roads are easy and good, excepting of the newer ones unknown as yet by travel. Land can be cleared for \$12 per acre ready for crop, and can be contrasted at this price. Wheat gives a yield of from 20 to 40 bushels per acre; oats 40 to 100; buckwheat 25 to 75; potatoes 200 to 600 per acre.

Land owned by other parties can be bought in its wild state, uncleared, for \$1 to \$5 per acre; claims with beginning can be bought. Farms of one to two hundred acres, with comfortable buildings, can be bought at varying prices, as regards location, improvement, value of buildings, &c., generally at one half what the same would bring on the seaboard counties, or from one-fourth one-eighth what the same would bring in Massachusetts.

School and church privileges are good, and the people are a sober, industrious, free hearted, hospitable people. Of course there are exceptions, as to all good rules and places. To the man of small means, the young men, and those who wish to seek a field of their own, Aroostook offers a grand opportunity. There is no place for laymen; but to the industrious and willing ones, a few years of well directed effort will place them in peace and plenty, and in a happy home surrounded with the elements of true prosperity. To such as will toil, we say go to Aroostook in preference to the west. It is easily and shortly reached via Eastern Railroad to Bangor, thence by European and New Brunswick to Houston, and then you are in the broad basin of Aroostook. Stages run to points east, west, and south. The best portions are about Presque Isle, Caribou and vicinity. It is a county of magnificent distances. A county of grand resources, and an inviting field for industry.

It is 300 miles from Boston to Houston, 250 from Portland to Houston, 112 miles from Bangor to Houston, from Houston to Fort Kent, both in Aroostook county, it is 120 miles from Houston to Presque Isle 40 miles, thence 12 miles to Caribou; from Fort Kent to Fairfield, 47 miles, and thence 10 miles west to Presque Isle or northwest to Caribou. These three last named towns are or near the Aroostook River. Houston is the shire town, and a large, enterprising, energetic town and village. It has railroad connections with the European railway by way of New Brunswick. Other railroad connections are provided by the Bangor and Aroostook, also by the Fairfield and surrounding towns, which will doubtless be commuted with a few years.

Stages, mills, manufacturers, and all the other means of life are rapidly multiplying, and it is to be long one of our most populous, wealthy, and thriving counties.

We would speak before closing, of some of the great resources of the country. Bricks are made at Houston, Caribou and other places. Lime is burned at Lyndon and other points. Inexhaustable quantities of timber abound, and timber rafting, is found in every place of extensive deposits. Marls of very good quality is found, and it must be remembered that Aroostook is the only place in the country in the discovery of marl as yet. Fairfield and surrounding towns, as well as Fort Kent, are rapidly multiplying, and the work will be accomplished above our heads, while we shall have not the less share in it than if we stopped in our duties to speculate on the cause and the result.

## The Ploughman.

BOSTON, SATURDAY, OCT. 31, 1874.

### CURRENT MOVEMENTS.

Just at the present moment the public interest centre in the impending election. But they will be over in a few days, their results fully known, and other matters will displace them. The Episcopal Church Convention, which had been in session in New York for several weeks, engrosses a large share of attention, for the reason that questions of the greatest weight and moment are before it which concern the future integrity of the Church itself. The condition of business affairs, abhorrent to a great degree, likewise begets a vast amount of general speculation, and the minds of the best and most experienced business men of the country, the recognized financiers being at the head, are engaged in endeavors to penetrate the mystery of those causes, need and remorse, which are responsible for a situation almost without a parallel in the country. Indeed, it is to be candidly admitted that business affairs are of all others the ones which chiefly occupy the public mind. Into this same category falls the Eastern Question, the service of the Houston Tunnel, &c., to be compared with other Atlantic States for trade with the great interior. To be sure, she has other resources and abundant ones, but the Tunnel is undeniably the fact that governs them all, even though it is not the cause of the trouble. The total income of the new University of Languages is to be derived from students, to enter the new University of Languages about to be opened at Newburyport.

Heavy Arteries, Hale, of Bridgewater, celeb-

rated as the man of the most recent, very recently, is to be engaged for his year to come.

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station on top of our new Post Office.

N. H. only reviews the question of

additional security for the stockholders, de-

alers, and creditors of country banks. If this is to go on unchecked, the country bank business may as well be wound up.

The service of the Boston Custom House is to be reorganized at once.

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The income of Cambridge in 1871 was \$340,563, of which \$37,949 was income from restricted funds. It was derived mainly from the savings societies: £1,000,000 from the Bank of England, £1,000,000 from the Bank of America, £1,000,000 from the Bank of Boston, £1,000,000 from stocks, and £48,000 from other properties.

and its prevention is about to be tested at that test place, the English channel. The entire cabin and saloon interior of the vessel is made to swing on a pivot, so that the passenger's stanchions always remain in the same position, whether he be in the deck or in the cabin. The ship is now being actively agitated in French diplomatic circles, and it is stated that the French Government has sent a special commission to inquire into the Eastern question in order to advance the interests of France in that place.

IMPORTANT STRATEGIC POINT CAPTURED.

Madrid, Oct. 23.—The Republicans have captured the important strategic point of Sagunto on the southern border of the province of Valencia.

The weather for October, particularly the last half of it, has been unprecedented for those qualities which go to make perfection.

THE EASTERN QUESTION—IMPORTANT MOVE-

MENT.

Berlin, Oct. 23.—A political circle has

confidentially informed the Czar's Government of the fact that the Government of France has

been informed of the Eastern question, to

the effect that the Emperor has ordered the

Government of the Czar to repress the disorders, and the

instructions of the Emperor. A conspiracy has

been discovered in Orenburg and many arrests

have been made.

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